GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3257
ANSWERED ON:11.08.2000
EXPERT COMMITTEE TO OVERHAUL ARCHAEOLOGY SURVEY OF INDIA
KOLUR BASAVANAGOUD

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted an Expert Committee to overhaul Archaeology Survey of Indian Departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its composition;

(c) the terms and reference of the above Committee; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to submit its report?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. A Review Committee has been constituted to streamline the functioning of the Archaeological Survey of India.

(b), (c) & (d) The composition and the terms of reference of the Committee are provided in the Annexure attached. The term of the Committee is upto 31st March, 2001.

ANNEXURE TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3257 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2000 BY SHRI KOLUR BASAVANAGOUD REGARDING `EXPERT COMMITTEE TO OVERHAUL ASI`

The Archaeological Survey of India, an attached office of the Department of Cultureentrusted with the gigantic task of preservation of development of ancient and historical monuments of this country has completed about 140 years of its existence. In order to streamline the functioning of the Archaeological Survey of India, the Government of Indiahas resolved to constitute a Review Committee consisting of the following members:

i) Padma Bhushan Prof. B.B. Lal Chairman
Director General(Retd.), ASI
F/7, Haus Khas, New Delhi.

ii) Shri M.N. Deshpande Member
Director General(Retd.), ASI
D/25, Press Enclave,
Saket, New Delhi

iii) Dr. S.R. Rao Member
Former Dy. D.G., ASI,
1233, 34 CROSS, 26-A Main,
4th Block, Jayanagar,
Bangalore-560041.

iv) Dr. S.P. Gupta Member
Chairman
Indian Archaeological Society,
B/17, Qutab Institutional Area,
New Delhi.

v) Shri O.P. Aggarwal, Addl. D.G. Member
Ministry of Defence(Retd.)
And former Director(Admn.) ASI
B-22 SFS Flats, Sheikh Sarai,
New Delhi.

vi) Dr. M.B. Athreya Member
Athreya Management System
A-18, Chitranjan Park
New Delhi- 110019.

vii) Dr. A. Sundara Member
Former Professor,
Dharwad University, Karnataka
C/o Archaeological Survey of India,
Dharwad Circle,
Dharwad, Karnataka.

viii) Shri Ravi Bhoothalingam Member
Member, CII
7, Shamnath Marg,
Delhi-54.

ix) Shri R.C. Aggarwal, Convener &
Director(Archaeology) Secretary
ASI.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE

i) Restructuring of the Archaeological Survey of India organization and other things so as to make it more professional and effective.

ii) Restructuring of the Institute of Archaeology.

iii) Reviewing the Recruitment Rules of Group A Officers of the Survey and making suitable recommendations.

iv) Recommending ways and means to improve the working of Technical and Academic activities.

v) Any other item which the Committee may deem fit in the interest of improved working of the Survey.

The term of the Review Committee will expire on 31-3-2001.